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I am opposed to any judgment in United States v. Microsoft that allows Microsoft to restrict the ability for computer resellers to include any operating system they choose with any computer they sell, including the option to sell a computer without an OS installed. The price paid for the installation of Windows (or any operating system) should be known to the computer purchaser and be able to have the price paid refunded if the installed OS is not used or wanted.

Microsoft currently restricts what computer makers may install on their systems before shipping them to the customer. This prevents the computer makers from differentiating their computers from the competition's, restricting them from including any value added software, offering dual boot systems, or removing any undesired Microsoft software. Any judgment should address this fact.

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